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LAYMEN'S PLANS

The Laymen's Commission of the Conference, George B. Martin, chairman, held an extended session on March 8. All members but one were present. Much time was spent in review of the work of the retreats of last autumn and the schools of churchmanship which had just been held.

It was recognized by the Commission that one of the major items in the program of the coming year would center about the annual meeting of the State Conference in Stockton, which for the first time will be held on a week-end in response to the request of the laymen.

Because of the meeting of the Conference it was decided to have only four retreats in the autumn, and to have two teams of leaders so that two retreats could be held on the same week-end. It is planned to have retreats at Saratoga and Drobish Ranch on November 15-16 and at Tulare and Byron Hot Springs on December 6-7.

Instead of having schools of churchmanship on Sunday, it was decided to have three of them at convenient centers for one evening each, with laymen coming together for dinner, having one address, and dividing up into groups for the study of the particular problems of the various officers and leaders in the church program.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

On the fifth Sunday after Easter, May 18, 1941, both city and country churches are being asked to observe Rural Life Sunday. The usual observance is in the form of a Sunday morning hour for a special worship service and a sermon or address.

In some states city and country churches exchange ministers on this day. Pageants, plays, forums, discussions are also organized. Sometimes churches invite agricultural leaders as guest speakers on this day. Others invite 4H Clubs and farmers' organizations to observe Rural Life Sunday with their local congregations.

Rural Life Sunday is a modern version of Rogation Sunday, which has been observed by many churches for many centuries. Today, Rural Life Sunday is set apart for emphasizing the meaning of Christianity for rural life, for the invocation of God's blessing upon the cultivators of the earth, for consideration of justice for agriculture and for the preservation of the spiritual values inherent in rural life.

An order of service and suggestions of methods of observances are available in leaflet form through the State office. Extra copies may be obtained from the Town and Country Department, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y., at two cents per copy or fifty cents per 100.

RELIGION AND HEALTH

A northern California conference on Religion and Health, for ministers and other religious workers, will be held at Pacific School of Religion, May 12 to 16, under the sponsorship of the five theological seminaries, church federations, and a committee of the Federal Council, together with a number of prominent individuals. Dr. Harry Bone, consulting psychologist of New York City, President A. C. McGiffert of Pacific School of Religion, Rev. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley, and Mr. Seward Hiltner of the Federal Council are the leaders. In addition, there will be a large number of resource consultants. Details and programs will be mailed by the Pacific School of Religion office upon request.

SPRING ASSOCIATIONS

The various district Associations will welcome back as visiting speaker Mr. George N. White of New York, who was with us several years ago.

Mr. White is secretary of the Board of Home Missions and a member of the Joint Staff of the Missions Council of our Congregational and Christian Churches. As a member of the Negro race, he is a product of one of our A. M. A. schools, of which he, himself, later became principal. For sixteen years he has now been on our national staff, speaking before churches and conferences the nation over.

He was sent as representative of the A. M. A. and the American Board to the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the West African Mission. He traveled across Africa, visiting all the principal stations of our work.

He knows the mind of the Negro in America and of the black man in Africa as well as of the white man in both the south and the north. He mixes humor with sympathetic understanding and critical insight.

In addition to speaking at each one of the Association meetings, he will be heard in a number of our churches and at at least one young people's rally, as well as before luncheon clubs.

TO HELP SERVICE MEN

Churches throughout the nation will welcome the news of the setting up of the Associated Congregational Christian Agencies for men in National defense service, the chairman of which is Dr. Ernest M. Halliday, who will be ably supported by Dwight J. Bradley, Frederick L. Fagley, William F. Frazier, and Douglas Horton. It is to offer all possible help to churches and pastors in three relationships:

1. To forward suggestions that may assist in fulfilling the church's mission to members called into training.
2. To help pastors of churches in the neighborhood of training camps in their efforts to minister to the religious needs of trainees.
3. To offer chaplains all possible assistance in their work within the camps.

Cards have been prepared for reporting to chaplains the names of church members who have gone into training camps. These cards may be secured free of charge. Pocket certificates of church membership, for the men in training to carry, are also provided.

The Committee, which can be addressed at 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, will welcome suggestions and will furnish materials.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK AT BERKELEY

John Jahn, president of Plymouth House, was selected chairman of the interchurch committee to plan the activities of Religious Emphasis Week. Plymouth House stood behind its president and cooperated to the full in planning and conducting the week's program, included in which was a radio program, a daily morning chapel service, a luncheon with Miss Muriel Lester, support for the Earl Lectures given at the First Congregational Church by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, an inter-church mass meeting addressed by Mr. Philip Lee (a member of the National Christian Mission Team), and provision of speakers for evening meetings in the various living groups about the campus.

Program committees have been engaged in preparing for the various district Association meetings. The list of dates and places will be found in another column. In addition to George N. White, our visiting speaker from New York, Mrs. Raymond Fuller, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill will participate in the program of each Association. The Conference Committee on Religious Education has undertaken to provide an hour on each program, where it is desired, and the Committee on Social Action asks that there be a presentation of the needs of War Relief in each place.

China Relief Plans

Word comes of the unification of seven relief agencies under one organization, to be known as "United China Relief." These cooperating agencies are: American Boards for Christian Colleges in China, American Bureau for Medical Aid to China, American Committee for Chinese Industrial Cooperatives, American Committee for Chinese War Orphans, China Aid Council, China Emergency Relief Committee, and Church Committee for China Relief.

Our churches are urged to send all of their relief money to the Committee for Assistance to War Victims, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York, but those desiring to contribute to China Relief may indicate it when the remittance is made.

HOW TO HELP

"Many of you who have given relief funds will be interested to know that in this town we are caring for 154 mothers and their 98 children during the winter and spring months. These are women who are either widows or whose husbands are away from home (whereabouts unknown, as is so often the case in war-time) and who therefore have no means of support.

"To the south of us are 84 villages which several months ago were looted and burned. Four of our workers made a careful investigation of the need there. On their trip they carried no bedding with them, but depended upon borrowing or renting the things they needed. In some of the villages which they investigated they found not a single piece of bedding available. The people had none left; all had been carried off. But more serious yet, with cold weather upon them, they had no padded winter clothes; those too had been permanently borrowed. Thereupon, we set to work upon a new type of relief, the buying and furnishing to some of the more needy ones in those destitute villages of 1473 suits of padded garments."

(Quoted from a letter from Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker.)

WHITAKERS TO RETURN

Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker of Lintsing, China, well known in northern California, report a very busy but fruitful year during 1940. Congregations continue Sunday by Sunday to crowd the church building to its fullest capacity. Interest in the Christian life and its message is real. At the same time, conditions in north China are so filled with uncertainty that the younger and more vigorous missionaries will be going inland, and others will be returned to America. The Whitakers expect to come back in June.

ONCE AGAIN!

Yes, Congregationalists in northern California did it again! The response of churches and of individuals was such that when the books for the fiscal year were closed on the afternoon of March 31, there was no deficit. In fact, there was a small surplus. That means that six years out of the past seven this result has been achieved.

Unfortunately, Superintendent Gill was taken ill at just the time the appeal was to be made, but Field Secretary Sherman, with the help of Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton, Rev. Robert W. Inglis of Oakland Plymouth, Rev. T. T. Giffen of Petaluma, and Treasurer W. Wallace Furze, carried on the personal solicitations and sent out letters of appeal which resulted in individual gifts amounting to $986. More than half of the churches have not yet reported the increased goals requested by the Board of Directors and approved by vote of the Conference last August, although many have informally signified that they will endeavor to raise the amount requested. It would help very much in planning the budget for the new fiscal year if definite reports could be sent in at once.

Y. A. A. ELECTS

The spring meeting of the Young Adult Association of the Northern California Conference was held in Antioch on March 23. Election of officers for 1941-42 was held, with the following persons elected: President, Samuel Dugan of Antioch; Vice President, Marvin King of Antioch; Recording Secretary, Beatrice Bedell of Antioch; Treasurer, Bradley Sonderman of San Francisco First Church. It was decided to hold a Labor Day week-end conference if facilities can be found. There was a panel discussion on Young Adults' Work, and an address by Henry Grant of the Family Relations Center in San Francisco. Rev. Wm. R. Steininger of Antioch closed the conference with a beautiful communion service. Mr. Raymond Foote, former president, is to serve as co-ordinator to work through Secretary Lobingier's office, in cooperative enterprise with the young adults of other states.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE MEMBERS

The membership of Plymouth House is not as high as last year, due to the formation in the church of a Young Business and Professional People's group which took about twenty-five of our graduate students and working young people. However, the membership still stands at 106, 45 of whom are new members this year. Furthermore, there has been a decided increase in lower-division student membership. Thirty per cent of the student membership is in the Freshman class—a far higher percentage than for many years.

At the beginning of the second semester a membership dinner was held following the morning church service. At the dinner, procedure was outlined for calling upon prospective members. Teams were formed, names of prospective students were assigned to the teams, and the afternoon was spent in calling on them. If the student were not home, a specially printed Plymouth House calling card with the signature of the two team members was left along with a copy of the weekly **Pointer** and a copy of the **Publicity Booklet.** The results were good, and a similar dinner and afternoon of calling is planned for next fall.

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SAN CARLOS. Mrs. H. J. Loken, wife of the pastor, is taking an extended rest at Carmel following serious illness. Pledges for the church building fund now amount to $4000—$1000 of which came in during the past month.

CAMPBELL. New church members were received on Palm Sunday and communion celebrated. At a fellowship dinner the new members were introduced socially. Rev. J. H. Bennett is pastor.

PARADISE. A series of Sunday evening vesper services during Lent have been successful. Special music is furnished on each occasion, and the pastor, Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, preaches a brief sermon.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. George E. Atkinson is back at his work, although taking it a bit easy. Mrs. Atkinson has been enjoying a family reunion in Santa Barbara.

MRS. HEATH RENDERS SERVICE

The many friends of Rev. Jessie Getty Heath will rejoice to know that she is much improved in health. She conducted the Day of Prayer service in Escalon, and occasionally preaches in churches in the vicinity.

OFFERING OUR BEST

By Rev. Thomas Simpson

If the Church of Christ is the Bride of Christ, let us not array her in second-hand gifts, in cast-off clothing and rags.
If the Church is the Body of Christ, let us not feed her on crumbs from our tables, like the dogs.
If we do not respect the Church, how can we honor the Christ of the Church?
How can there be spiritual value or redeeming power in any gift to the Church which costs us nothing?
How can we present the Divine Redeemer to the world, when we hold Him and His Church in less than highest honor?
In olden times the offerings must be without blemish. It must be only the best. It must be the first fruits.
Let us offer Christ and His Church only our best.

—The Watchman.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 13—Easter.
July 27-August 1—Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.
October 17-19—Annual Meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, Stockton.

Association Meetings

April 18—San Joaquin, at Tulare.
April 22—Santa Clara, at Saratoga.
April 23—Redwood Empire, at Sonoma.
April 24—Upper Bay, at Martinez.
April 25—Central, at Stockton.
April 29—Bay, at Berkeley Park Church.
April 30—Sacramento Valley, at Oroville.

Young People's Summer Conferences

June 15-21—Sequoia.
June 15-21—Loma Mar No. 1.
June 21-28—Lakewood.
July 26-August 2—Zepyr Point.
August 3-9—Lokoya.
August 10-16—Loma Mar No. 2.
August 30-September 1—Loma Mar No. 3 (Young Adult).

TRINITY COUNTY. Severe storms and bad road conditions have confined the efforts of Rev. P. N. Bennett very largely to Weaverville and vicinity. A pastor's class in preparation for membership is in progress. Services are planned for each evening of Holy Week. Two school men and their wives have come into associate membership. The church has met its first quarterly benevolence payment in full.

PALO ALTO. Rev. Augustine Jones will complete a series of sermons on Easter Sunday under the general theme of "Portraits of the Christ." The subjects are as follows: "The Active Christ," "The Royal Christ," "The Humanitarian Christ," "The Cosmic Christ," "The Priestly Christ," "The Apocalyptic Christ," and "The Eternal Christ."

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The Adult Bible Class is showing an encouraging increase, and several members have also joined the choir. A "County Fair" held recently to raise funds for re-roofing the social hall, brought all departments together in a fine cooperative effort. Mr. Byron E. Eshelman is the pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. A hundred and twenty persons attended communion service on March 2, and thirty became members of the church. Rev. B. Y. Leong of San Francisco was in charge. The young people conducted the service on March 9, furnishing music and sermon. Dr. B. C. Wong is pastor.

EUREKA. Gypsy Pat Smith has conducted a united evangelistic campaign for the churches of Eureka, held in the Congregational building. The Plymouth Fellowship entertained parents and friends at a banquet, incidentally netting some money toward the camp fund. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is pastor.

STOCKTON. A religious education institute started off with 37 enrolled and six leaders. The Lodi church participated. On a Sunday evening, the Social Service Committee held a public hearing on the ten Christian Century articles regarding the war. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. The Sunday School children are forming a choir to serve during the church services, and are coming at 8:45 Sunday morning for rehearsal. The Monday Evening Club of the community is to sponsor an Easter sunrise service. Mr. James P. Senter is the pastor.

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Wilfred Withington is still in the hospital, but is progressing satisfactorily. During his absence the young people of the church have carried on services of worship, and the Conference office is securing supplies for the month of April.

PARLIER. This church has called Rev. N. K. Hachian, formerly of Providence, R. I., and Washington, D. C. The church received a fraternal visit early in March from Rev. H. K. Khachadourian of San Francisco and Superintendent Gill.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. This church sponsored the motion picture, with sound music, on the "Life of Christ" at the 6 o'clock vesper service on Palm Sunday. Rev. M. G. Papazian is continuing his splendid leadership as interim pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Steadily the church is working to increase the fund for moving and improving their building. A turkey dinner yielded $68.00. Rev. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto was speaker. Rev. Harvey Miller is pastor.

RIO VISTA. New members will be received into fellowship at the candle-light Thursday communion service of Holy Week. Rev Victor Morgan is pastor.

HAYWARD. Rev. Godfrey Matthews suggests the reading of at least one great book during Lent. He recommends "Pilgrim's Progress," or "The Imitation of Christ," Keble's "Christian Year," or "All for Jesus," by F. W. Faber. The Ladies Aid Society is planning an entertainment for May 15, to be known as "A Parade of Brides," or "A March of Time in Wedding Dresses." Bridal dresses from 1870 or even earlier are being loaned, and will be worn by the original brides, their daughters, or other girls. There will be narrators, appropriate weddings marches, and a reception by the brides.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Special services will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of Holy Week. Rainbow Girls attended service on Palm Sunday. New vestments are provided for the choir, beginning Easter. Improvements on the doors and sidewalk have been made and new tables provided. Sunday evening services, with a half-hour program and a twenty-minute Bible study, led by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr, continue to create interest.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. The Men's Club, which reached a paid-up membership of 268 in 1940, has bought and paid for 100 new chairs and some dishes for the church at a cost of about $175. Nearly 300 were present at annual Ladies' Night. Parlor, halls, stairway and some class rooms have been redecorated and the entire building has undergone a general housecleaning. Much of the labor has been volunteer. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

LODI. The Methodist and Congregational churches continue their Lenten program in joint Sunday evening meetings. Rev. James A. Andrews, director of evangelism of the Methodist conference, is conducting two services daily during the first nine days of April. Rev. A. R. Boone is preaching a series of sermons on "The Kingdom of God," and has two pastor's classes each week. An average of 25 were in attendance at the teachers' training institute in Stockton during the entire four weeks.

ALAMEDA. Rev Gail Cleland, who is chaplain at Fort MacArthur, spends the greater part of his time in personal interviews and counseling. Many scores of young men seek him out daily. Rev Robert Cleland is carrying on youth work and looking after the church organizations. Dr. James Muilenburg will continue his ministry of preaching through Easter.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Midweek prayer services are held at the home of the pastor, Rev. H. K. Khachadourian. Mr. Khachadourian has now resumed his leadership of the church, and early in March, in company with Superintendent Gill, visited Parlier.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. This church is in the midst of its financial canvass for the fiscal year of the federation. Several Sunday evenings are being devoted to World Service, with both Methodist and Congregational speakers. Rev. Sidney Buckham, president of the Conference Board, and Mr. George N. White of New York are among those who will be heard. This church has co-operated in the personal evangelistic visitation, under the leadership and inspiration of Dr. Guy Black. The pastor, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, hopes for at least thirty new members on Palm Sunday. The celebration of the Lord's Supper will immediately follow the three-hour service on Good Friday.

TULARE. Lenten Sunday morning subjects used by Rev. Arthur L. Rice, pastor, include the following: "God, The Father," "Jesus, The Incarnation," "The Broken Fellowship," "Fellowship Restored," "God's Ultimate Resource," "Towering O'er the Wrecks of Time," and "Life, Hope, Victory." With the establishment of Rankin Academy, Tulare has become one of the training centers for the Army Air Corps. Tulare churches, led by our own Mr. Rice, carried out a welcoming Sunday for the newly arrived cadets. They were cordially received, and after the morning service were dinner guests in homes of members of the congregation. These young men are largely from the middle west.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. A Japanese student from San Anselmo and Mrs. Jean Wilbur have been guests at recent meetings of the women of the two parishes, in the Cotati church. The Penngrove church is to be painted, the work to be done by the men and the materials furnished by the ladies and the young people. Two young people's groups are now operating, one at Cotati and the other at Penngrove. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. A Father and Son Dinner was greatly enjoyed. Following community singing, led by the pastor, Rev. Pierson Parker, motion pictures on China were shown. The women of the Chinese Congregational Church put on a Chinese dinner and a program at the North Church, proceeds going to China Relief. Nearly $60.00 was realized from the annual Daffodil Tea.

PITTSBURG. Dorothy Emigh, president of the Upper Bay Pilgrim Fellowship, presented the local group with its charter. One hundred iron chairs for the church have been purchased by the Women's Auxiliary. The last Sunday in March a special dedication service written by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Benedict, was held for the 100 copies of the new Pilgrim Hymnal.

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in commemoration of the city's 75th birthday—six Sundays in the famed Greek Theater—May 4 to June 8, inclusive, at 3 in the afternoon.

May 4—Oratorio Elijah, chorus of 300, John Charles Thomas, soloist.
May 11—San Francisco Opera Ballet.
May 18—Orpheus in the Underworld, Walter Herbert, musical director.
May 25—San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Bruno Walter conductor.
June 1—Saint Joan by George Bernard Shaw.
June 8—Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.

Season coupon book on sale at 2124 Center Street, Berkeley, California.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO, FIRST. On the advice of physicians and specialists, Rev. Norman B. Henderson will close his pastorate on September 1, completing 12 years of service in this church. During that period the church has grown in numbers and in influence through the city. The Sunday evening forum has been maintained as one of the outstanding educational opportunities in the community. The church building and parsonage were remodeled and renovated. Additional property for the use of the Sunday School was secured. Practically the entire cost of these improvements has been met. Dr. Henderson was active in the affairs of Fresno, serving some years on the Board of Education. He has been deeply interested in the fellowship of the Congregational churches, having served as moderator of the San Joaquin Association two terms, as member of the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing, and as director of young people's conferences.

Since November and continuing until the close of his pastorate the first of September, the church will have carried its own program, including services of worship, as an expression of their regard and affection for Dr. Henderson. He plans to continue to make his home in Fresno, and hopes that health will permit him to put into writing for publication something of the fruit of his years of study and experience. Ministers, sister churches, and the Conference as an organization, join in tribute to his leadership and in prayers for his complete recovery.

SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE. The now famous "Ballad for Americans" was given the Sunday evening of March 2, with the great Negro baritone, Joseph James, assisted by the Temple choir. The San Francisco mass meetings of the Christian Mission were held in this church. The Passover Feast will be celebrated on the Wednesday after Easter, with Rabbi Coffee and other Jewish leaders participating. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce was speaker at a noon luncheon service at the Merchants Exchange Building. Holy Communion will be given continuously between 11:30 and 1 o'clock daily, Monday through Thursday, of Holy Week. Dr. Pierce and Dr. Lowther will alternate in speaking each evening, and the three-hour service will be held on Good Friday.

ALTURAS. This church, Federated Congregational and Baptist, has called as pastor Rev. Theodore E. Schulz of the Reformed Church of Long Beach, California. Mr. Schulz has full training and has a splendid record of achievement in his previous parish. Recently, with Mrs. Schulz, he spent a week in Alturas, and received a unanimous and enthusiastic call, and will begin work on May 1. In the meantime, Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Champlin are carrying on to the great delight of the people.

SAN MATEO. There will be a church night dinner and candle-light communion service on Thursday of Holy Week. The note at the bank has been cleared up and the mortgage on the building burned. It is hoped that the grounds may be more attractively landscaped. A bus is operated by three churches of San Mateo for picking up Sunday School pupils. Rev. Sidney Buckham, the pastor, is conducting a class for high school students in preparation for church membership.

RENO, NEVADA. The National Christian Mission came to Reno. Team members consisted of our own Rev. Donald Gaylord of Grace United Church, Rev. Gerald Kennedy of Palo Alto, and Mrs. Elizabeth Zartman of the Disciples fellowship. On Palm Sunday christenings and confirmations were held. Rev. William Moll Case will preside at the union three-hour Good Friday service.

BERKELEY, PARK. One of the most significant events in the life of this church occurred during the first week of March, in the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Watt. The evening of the 1st, the young people served a dinner to as many of the former members of the choir group as could be reached, and then rehearsed for the next day. Twenty-five of that group, with the help of 15 of the junior choir, furnished music for the morning service. All of them, with the exception of three, had been brought into the life of the church during the present pastorate. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce was the preacher. The Wednesday evening following, the anniversary dinner was held with 96 reservations. During the 10 years in this very difficult field, 67 have been received into membership and 32 have been lost, bringing today's total to 72, as against a group of 37 when the pastorate began. Work among young people was begun in April, 1932, with 6 persons. Since then, over 80 have been associated for longer or shorter periods. Eight marriages have come from acquaintances formed through this fellowship. There has been a noticeable increase in attendance of strangers during March.

REDWOOD CITY. Mrs. A. V. Dunn of Sacramento, former president of the Federation of Congregational Women, spoke at the Women's Guild on her trip through the deep South, and described the work of our Congregational schools and colleges for Negroes. A substantial Lenten offering for war sufferers was taken. The cabinet voted to continue sponsorship of a Boy Scout troop, which his increased from 6 to 38 members. The Fellowship of Youth put on an "All Magic" evening and raised funds for attendance at the summer camp. The Sunday School is using Bible quizzes with keen class rivalry. Rev. Charles E. Ward, the pastor, is chairman of ground arrangements for the community outdoor Easter services.

BERKELEY, FIRST. A plan of parish visitation during Lent is being carried out. Members of the church have been assigned to call on prospective members, after careful preparation and instruction. Seven new members were received at the March communion. Dr. Fritz Kunkel is giving four addresses on Sunday mornings at the College of Life on "Religious Self-Education." Three hundred twenty-six copies of the old Pilgrim Hymnal, replaced by the new edition at the time of the General Council, have been sent to the Philippine Islands, for use in small Filipino churches. Rev. Vere V. Loper is pastor.

FAIRFAX. Rev. W. W. Meyer, the pastor, has been elected chairman of the Marin County Ministerial Fellowship. He preached to nearly 400 men in San Quentin Prison recently. A new youth group for junior high school age, entitled "The Second Mile Club," has been formed. A Lenten class is being conducted. Payments were made on the apportionment, to the Annuity Fund, and on the Building Society debt. Five children were baptized on March 30. The Fellowship Circle of younger married women has been formed.

SAN JOSE. Following the church night supper on March 26, there was an interesting and profitable panel discussion on the topic, "How Can We Work Constructively for Peace in a World at War?" The speakers were Mrs. Paul Pitman, Dr. Bertha Mason, Mrs. Maxwell Crittenden, Mrs. W. S. Bachrodt, W. L. Moore, and Morgan Harris. On each fourth Sunday of the month the young people take a large part in the morning service—music, Scripture reading, ushering, take up offering, and the children's sermon. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

ANTIOCH. On Palm Sunday joint choirs of Catholic and Protestant churches sang Stainer's "Crucifixion." At the morning service, the church will be host to Job's Daughters. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Holy Week there will be evening services, and on Friday, a union three-hour service with Superintendent Gill giving the seven sermons. The Women's Service Club has a beautiful year book which was highly praised by Mrs. E. E. McClintock when she was here. The Young Adults' spring conference was held at Antioch, and three Antioch people were elected as officers. The Pilgrim Fellowship entertained the Rio Vista young people on the evening of March 30. There is a nursery school during the church hour, with a trained teacher. A Cub Pack is now sponsored by the young adults. Rev. W. R. Steininger, the pastor, was made happy by the offer of a friend to provide a telephone in the church building without cost to the organization.

SANTA CRUZ. The center aisle, which has always extended only halfway down to the platform from the rear doors of the church, has been extended the entire distince, the expense being cared for by the Mayflower Guild. The Evening Guild, at the March supper meeting, was addressed by Mrs. Tillman Durdan and Mrs. George Green, who have lived in China, where their father is a college professor. On March 16 the DeMolays attended worship in a body. On March 30, while the pastor, Rev. H. S. Mahood, was ill, Mrs. Mahood conducted the service, preaching the sermon and baptizing a baby. The pastor also had to forego the leading of his large Bible class, assistance in blessing a fellow minister's home, the conducting of service at the Odd Fellows' home in Saratoga, and preaching in the evening to the Garfield Park Christian Church.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Dickey were the recipients of many kindnesses from parishoners during a recent illness. The young people's group has interesting meetings; Bob Service, nephew of our Dr. F. F. Goodsell, born in Western China, was swamped with questions for over an hour at one such meeting. Shrubs have been set out in the church grounds at Angels Camp. A cantata is being prepared for Easter Sunday morning. A service on Good Friday in the theatre will be addressed by Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton. There will be a communion service folowing the fellowship dinner on Good Friday evening at Murphy. The Junior Endeavor is doing excellent work.

MARTINEZ. A gift of chancel appointments has been made to the church in memory of the late Edson D. Hale by the widow and daughters of Mr. Hale. Edson Hale, a graduate of Pacific School of Religion, held pastorates in northern California, and later became a teacher. Subsequently he engaged in the insurance business in Martinez. The gift consists of an altar hanging and two matching pieces for the altar table and pulpit, all in rich velour of deep blue, with gold fringe. The church has gone on record in favor of securing a pipe organ of four stops. More than $500 is already in hand and pledged for this purpose. Rev. Verdette Walters is pastor.

SARATOGA. Saratoga and Los Gatos churches united in a special preaching mission from March 24-28, with Rev Gerald Kennedy of Palo Alto as preacher. The young people had 25 visitors from the Soquel Church on Sunday evening, March 23. The pastor, Rev. Fred Morrow, is conducting a Lenten pastor's class. On March 16 he exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. H. Bennett of Campbell. Pomona College Men's Glee Club appeared twice on the week-end of the Blossom Festival.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Angela Morgan, poet laureate of the American Federation of Women's Clubs, read her poems to a large and appreciative audience on Sunday evening, March 16. She is author of some of the finest religious poetry in the English language and her interpretation of those chosen was appropriate and inspirational. The missionary group has sponsored two morning meetings, one on March 13 when Mrs. Robert d'Erlach gave a review of three recent books on China. Mrs. d'Erlach is promoting the reading lists suggested by the Missions Council. On another occasion Mrs. A. P. Parker will speak on "Gleanings From a Quarter of a Century in China." The largest attendance of the Church School in recent years was on March 23. First Church was host at a luncheon to over a hundred Congregational ministers and their wives during the Christian Mission. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. An exceedingly attractive sixteen-page, with cover, brochure has been published, finely illustrated, setting forth the work of the church and its broad program and many activities. The church has a staff of ten, including Rev. Robert Inglis, pastor; Mrs. Dorothy Nelson, director of Christian Education; Miss Mary Coxhead, director of Community Service; Miss Alice Osborne, church secretary; Paul Luyken, custodian; Gwynfi Jones, choir director; Alexander Pirie, organist; and three student assistants: Robert Mickey, Eugene Sill, and Masayoshi Wakai. In addition, there are two physicians at the "Well Baby Clinic" and a trained consultant for family and personal difficulties. The church had registered more than a hundred people for the Christian Mission, and is cooperating in the personal evangelistic visitation.

PORTERVILLE. This church takes its turn in conducting religious services in the evening at Farmersville Federal migrant camp and at the Tulare County prison road camp. An offering of $110 at the War Relief concert was designated for England and Wales. The High School girls' glee club sang at one Sunday morning service, and 75 Campfire Girls and their leaders attended on another day. On Easter Sunday there will be two identical services, one at 9:15 and the other at 11. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian has begun his work, and his family, consisting of his wife and four children, are now in the parsonage after 72 days at sea. They sailed from Basrah on the Persian Gulf January 2, touched at Karachi and Bombay, Ceylon, Singapore, Philippine Islands, Hawaii; crossed the Equator twice and observed the Sabbath twice successively in one week, and finally docked at Los Angeles Port on March 15.

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SPRING MEET AT PALO ALTO

The Spring Meeting of the Federation, to which we always look forward, will be held this year at Palo Alto, April 17 (the usual third Thursday). The ladies of the Palo Alto church will furnish tea and coffee, and we are to bring our own lunch. The sessions open at 10:30 in the morning. An extremely interesting program is assured. Our own Mrs. Leonard Wilbur, who has been so much in our thoughts during the past two years, will speak on "Dividends on the Investment." Rev. Donald F. Gaylord of the Grace United Church in San Francisco will also be with us and will speak on "Children of the City Streets."

FEBRUARY MEETING REWARDING

The general meeting of the Federation, held March 20, was well attended and rewarding. Mrs. Robert d'Erlach, Reading List Chairman, reported that she expected to have the new reading lists by April 1. (The delay in their arrival is due, not to Mrs. d'Erlach, but to the eastern office.) There will be enough for all the churches to have all they can really use, though Mrs. d'Erlach asks that no more be taken than are needed. She asks that the name and address of the reading list chairman in each church be sent her, and that these chairmen, when sending for the lists, enclose postage, as there is no provision in the Federation budget for that expense. She mentioned four books especially good as background material for the study of China: "Of Human Kindness," by Ruth Comfort Mitchell; "This Is Our China," by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek; and two by Carl Crow, "Foreign Devils in the Flowery Kingdom," and "The Chinese Are Like That." The first of these two is of great interest as the picture of a China which has ceased to exist.

FOREIGN SECRETARY REPORTS

Mrs. Ernest Evans, Foreign Field Secretary, was in Colorado at the time of the meeting, but sent an interesting report. Do you know about the radio broadcast which is sent from Treasure Island each Sunday morning and which is received in China, Korea, and Japan that same evening? It is called "The Mail-Bag," and messages or even brief letters from people here may be sent to that station to be spoken or read to friends in the Far East. Mrs. Evans let us share a letter from Mrs. Alice Brown Frame, of Tungchow, China, telling of what must have been a thrilling experience, when a number of our missionaries, including Mr. James Hunter and Mr. Lewis Gilbert whose families had been sent home on the "Mariposa," gathered for the broadcast in one of the mission homes and heard of the arrival "safe and sound" of those families just twenty-four hours before. The same letter from Mrs. Frame gave evidence of the almost unbelievable strictness of censorship in the warring countries, when she wrote hopefully that though, in accordance with their instructions they had applied for passage home on some boat sailing in March or April of this year, they hoped that "by that time the war clouds may have blown over."

BERKELEY CHINESE

Turning from Americans in China to Chinese in America, a pleasant item, which should really have found place in last month's **Pacific**, is contributed by Mrs. William Sadler. "The Woman's Association of Berkeley First Congregational Church loaned its kitchen and dining-room again this year for the annual Chow Mein Day for China Relief, put on by the Berkeley Wah Mei Club. This is a fellowship of Chinese and some American women, with the leadership largely in the hands of members of the Berkeley Chinese Congregational Church. About 700 people were served with lunch or dinner, and $230 cleared. Forty dollars previously earned by serving meals to Y. W. C. A. or some church, was added to this and $270 sent directly to Madame Chiang Kai-Shek —about $4500 in Chinese money."

Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, Thank Offering Secretary, referred again to the change in our Thank Offering project, from the building at Tillotson College to the salary of a nurse for the little hospital at Grants, New Mexico. The amount we can contribute will go farther in the second case. An exceedingly interesting phase of our Tillotson College work, however, comes to us in our regular quotas, as we learned from Mrs. Edwin T. Sherman, Social Welfare Secretary. This is the new Home Economics project, which aims to give the girls training in the care of any home, from the simplest to the most elaborate. One room is to be furnished with articles made of packing boxes and other home-made contrivances; another has regular furniture, but of the most inexpensive kind; others have increasingly better and more expensive furnishings. When they are through with this training, the girls will be prepared to go out into any kind of a home and care for it properly. Two articles in the secular press on the work of our hospital for Negroes in New Orleans, Flint-Goodrich, were brought to out attention again: one in the"Saturday Evening Post" of September 2, 1939, the other in "Time" for April 5, 1940. When such magazines find the institution remarkable enough for comment, it certainly behooves us, who are among its sponsors, to know what they say.

STUDY BOOKS

Mrs. A. D. Hartwell, representing Literature and the Christian Home, brought the names of the study books for 1941-42: these do not fall strictly into a classification of home and foreign work, but make a universal appeal in both cases. The one corresponding to homeland study is "Christian Roots of Democracy in America," and the author is Dr. Arthur Holt, whom many of us heard to our great enjoyment at the Fall meeting of the Federation at Broadmoor last year. The other is "A Christian Imperative—Our Contribution to World Order,' by Roswell P. Barnes. Mrs. Hartwell also gave an excellent review of a recent book by Dr. John C. Bennett, of the Pacific School of Religion, "Social Salvation."

SPEAKERS BUREAU REQUESTS

Mrs. L. B. Williams, Speaker's Bureau chairman, added one more request to those given in the March **Pacific**. She asks that in sending for a speaker we give her a second choice, so that if it is impossible to fill our first request, she may get to work without delay on an alternate.

PRESIDENT REPORTS

The sessions closed with a delightful report by our president, Mrs. Raymond Fuller, of some of the good things gleaned from the Midwinter Conference at Evanston. She made us feel how full of inspiration those meetings were and how impossible it would be to give anything like a complete report. She introduced us to Pattie Lee Coghill, energetically working among "thirty-five small churches going through all the motions of a big church," in Georgia and Florida; and to Samuel B. Coles of Galangue, West Africa, who is a power both spiritually and agriculturally through all the vast area which he serves. Among the messages Mrs. Fuller brought us was one which rang so strangely, yet so compellingly for the world of today that we would close with it: "Keep your gayety and sense of fun." In this war-torn world, let us be not only calm, but gay.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

Three thousand ministers in town and country churches will attend special summer schools, institutes and camps to be held at theological seminaries and agricultural colleges in the summer of 1941. Forty-one schools, more than at any previous time, will provide "continuing education for the minister in town and country."

The purposes of these special educational offerings are to help ministers become acquainted with tested methods of town and country church work, to interpret trends of modern country life, to promote fellowship among rural ministers and to increase the contacts of ministers with agricultural leaders.

Schools are conducted without tuition charge and the only costs are for board and room. At many of the schools there are special activities for women, mainly the wives of ministers. Pastors interested should communicate with their State Superintendent or the Town and Country Department, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

EASTER MORNING BROADCAST

The San Francisco Sunrise Service on top of Mt. Davidson will be broadcast by KGO over the Blue Network from 5:30 to 6 on Easter morning. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. W. Paul Reagor, D.D., pastor of the First Christian Church of Oakland and president of the California Church Council. Rev. Paul E. Carson, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, and Rev. Frederic H. Busher will participate. The music will be led by the San Francisco Municipal Band and the Trinity Center choir. The solo will be sung by Eugene Fulton, baritone.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Through its Social Action Committee, Plymouth House has held two Open House recreation evenings for refugees, young and old, who have recently come to the East Bay. Singing, informal conversation, games, and refreshments enlivened the programs. The evenings were as beneficial to Plymouth members as to the newcomers to our land, who were delighted and pleased at the cordiality of the occasions.

MRS. DUNN BROADCASTS

The National Council of Women is having a series of five broadcasts over the Sacramento radio station KROY on Wednesdays, from 1 to 1:15. The general subject is "Women in a Changing World." Our own Mrs. A. V. Dunn is to give the program for April 16. Her subject will be "Woman, the Individual."

GAINING

Look at the list of remittances that appears in the columns below! The amount received in March was just a few dollars under the amount received in March a year ago, but there is a source of real encouragement in the fact that a year ago, March included the Easter receipts. The plan of the Conference Board of Directors and the Conference itself, as voted last August, is reflected in the total for the three months which shows an increase of $417.

Church	March, 1941	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, 1941	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, 1940
Adin	$ 9.00	$ 9.00	$ 7.50
Alameda	202.50	202.50	236.56
Alturas	.....	12.05	.....
Angels Camp	37.50	39.50	33.75
Antioch	11.24	11.24	15.00
Auburn	.....	60.00	.....
Benicia	10.00	10.00	.....
Berkeley—			
Chinese	25.00	25.00	.....
First	449.13	1,527.05	1,542.65
North	154.36	154.36	112.30
Park	23.07	23.07	11.60
Callahan	.....	5.13	.....
Campbell	.....	.....	50.00
Cedarville	50.00	50.00	.....
Cloverdale	5.61	16.92	16.93
Cotati	31.50	31.50	7.50
Crockett	.....	15.99	7.52
Etna	.....	6.85	.....
Eureka	83.19	134.01	172.78
Fairfax	15.00	15.00	.....
Ferndale	63.00	63.00	63.05
Fresno, First	223.92	223.92	274.88
Pilgrim	50.00	50.00	70.00
Glen Ellen	20.00	20.00	.....
Hayfork	5.00	5.00	10.00
Kenwood	3.00	3.00	5.30
Lodi, First	284.00	284.00	403.00
Loomis	10.42	10.42	18.55
Martinez	80.75	107.75	64.77
Murphy	.....	81.00	62.50
Oakland, First	1,254.00	1,254.00	1,249.98
Fruitvale	.....	.....	20.00
Pilgrim	3.00	9.00	11.58
Plymouth	149.14	237.47	232.96
Oroville	9.30	15.65	6.17
Pacific Grove	.....	26.91	63.35
Palo Alto	412.50	412.50	503.00
Paradise	52.00	52.00	50.00
Parlier	10.00	10.00	.....
Penngrove	8.66	8.66	5.64
Petaluma	38.95	108.45	232.54
Pittsburg	25.80	48.20	57.22
Porterville	90.00	100.00	80.00
Redwood City	191.19	211.19	.....
Rio Vista	37.50	37.50	37.50
Ripon	28.13	28.13	52.50
Sacramento	217.46	217.46	178.91
Salida	15.00	20.00	2.00
San Carlos	13.24	13.24	45.32
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Park	17.63	49.36	84.25
First	203.23	927.91	316.28
Ocean View	25.00	25.00	20.00
San Jose	80.00	140.00	185.00
San Leandro	.....	22.66	37.81
San Mateo	217.18	222.18	143.40
Santa Cruz	50.00	140.00	210.00
Santa Rosa	.....	38.00	77.47
Saratoga	.....	.....	100.62
Sebastopol	30.45	51.45	47.52
Sonoma	32.70	47.70	25.00
Soquel	19.14	19.14	32.65
Stockton	151.38	151.38	156.44
Suisun	.....	38.67	41.33
Sunnyvale	4.95	4.95	3.56
Sunol	.....	25.00	.....
Tulare	140.00	140.00	109.00
Weaverville	35.00	35.00	18.00
Woodside	34.00	34.00	20.00
Reno, Nev.	52.96	111.75	96.47
Misc. and Individual	986.00	1,020.00	1,094.50
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